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## BRISBANE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS GREAT DEMONSTRATION FOR UNITY

Greater unity in the Labor Movement around the Curtin Government for a better war effort to smash Fascism and to ensure a new order acceptable to the majority of the people in the post war period was the keynote of Brisbane May Day demonstration organised by the Queensland T. and L. Council.

Though marchers were not as numerous as on some previous occasions, the character of slogans and floats indicated the growing political consciousness of the workers. For this reason the demonstration was voted the "best ever" by many old timers.

### POINTS ABOUT PROCESSION.

The Building and Metal Trades Unions and the A.W.U., which put up a fine display, are worthy of special mention.

The Communist Party officially participated for the first time and attracted a good deal of attention and applause from the onlookers by its banners and well disciplined formations of men and women marchers.

It was a tonic to the older generation to see the number and fine types of young people marching under the banner of the Eureka Youth League. The Labor Movement is no longer without a youth organisation.

A noticeable feature of the march as a whole was the number of women and girls participating.

While the leaders of the Parliamentary Labor Party marched, neither the Q.C.E. nor any Labor Party Branch took part. This is regrettable and is another indication of how far away from the working class the Q.C.E. is moving.

### SLOGANS.

The slogan, "Unite India" pointed the way to win the confidence of India's millions and rally them against the Jap Fascists as a vital factor in Allied Pacific and world strategy.

Other slogans demanded a second European front for victory in 1943; more aid to China; worker-soldier-farmer unity; defence of the Curtin Government; a Communist Party-A.L.P. United Front; reduction of absenteeism, etc.

A float by the Chinese community

called for the bombing of Tokio.

### SPEECHES AT MEETING.

At the meeting following the march the demand for a United Labor Movement was made by all the speakers. Both the Premier and the Minister for Health and Home Affairs, who led the march, scathingly attacked those groups which were endeavouring to undermine the Curtin Government and disrupt the nation's war effort.

Referring to the social character of production and the private appropriation of the product of labour, the Premier declared that the hope of the people for a new and better order lay in the achievement of the Labor Party's objective—the socialisation of the means of production, distribution and exchange.

Mr. H. Harvey, President of the T. and L.C., and Mr. A. McDonald, Secretary, Ironworkers and Munition Workers' Union, also made strong appeals for unity in the Labor Movement. The latter, like the Premier, believed that the new order to which the people must aspire for a life of peace and plenty, was Socialism.

Messages from the Prime Minister, the Federal Treasurer and the Federal Minister for Labour and National Service called for the closing of Labor's ranks as a precondition for the maintenance of present conditions and to fight for a better post-war world.

## WICKHAM PARK MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 3 p.m.

Speakers:

G. BURNS: Soviet-Break.

RON BROWN: Views on the News.

R. MORGAN.

Music from 2.15 p.m.

## LESSONS OF BRISBANE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The victory of Chandler and the C.M.O. in the Greater Brisbane election must cause all those who have the interests of the Labor Movement at heart serious concern.

One thing is clear. All sections of the Labor Movement must set aside their differences and unite their forces for a wholehearted struggle to strengthen in every way the organisation and fighting spirit of the trade unions, the Labor Party and the Communist Party.

The approach of the Federal elections makes it imperative that the real issues in connection with the war and the post-war period be clarified before the people so that they can be won for conscious support for the Federal Labor Government led by John Curtin.

To achieve this there needs to be a considerable house cleaning in the A.L.P. and in some of the unions insofar as loyalty, policy, organisation and methods of propaganda and education are concerned.

In both the Brisbane and Wynnum Wards the Communist Party showed a very considerable increase in the vote for its candidates.

In next issue we will publish an analysis of the municipal elections on a State-wide basis.

## TOWNSVILLE

The Townsville City Council election resulted in the victory of eight out of ten of the Hermit Park A.L.P.-Communist ticket.

T. Aikens (H.P.) topped the poll with 9,087 votes F. W. Paterson was next with 9,005 votes.

The official A.L.P. team were decisively defeated, several losing their deposits.

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